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1. DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR DHEW, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, HAVE MET ON TWO OCCASIONS WITH DR. WILLIAM WALSH, DIRECTOR PROJECT HOPE TO DISCUSS DESIRABILITY COORDINATING TOTAL U.S. HEALTH INPUT TO EGYPT. DURING MEETING IN DECEMBER, WALSH INDICATED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE SOME TIME AGO FOR DR. WAITE TO SPEND TWO MONTHS IN EGYPT TO ASSESS THE BROAD-BASED NEEDS OF THE DENTAL SCHOOLS IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA.

2. WALSH ALSO INDICATED THE EGYPTIANS HAD ASKED HOPE TO ASSIST THEM BY SENDING VISITING PROFESSORS TO THE FACULTIES OF MEDICINE OF ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY, ZAGAZIG UNIVERSITY, AINSHAMS UNIVERSITY AND ASSUIT UNIVERSITY. THIS REQUEST WAS CONVEYED TO WALSH IN A LETTER FROM DR. AHMED AZZAM DATED DECEMBER 2, 1974. WALSH ADVISED DHEW THAT HE WOULD NOT PROCEED WITH PLANS TO SEND THESE EXPERTS UNTIL A FORMULA FOR COORDINATION WITH MEDICAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP EFFORTS IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MANPOWER AREA COULD BE DEVELOPED. DR. WALSH ALSO

INDICATED HE WAS PLANNING TO GO TO CAIRO IN EARLY 1975
AT THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO SIGN

AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM FOR AN EDUCATIONAL AND EXCHANGE
PROGRAM. DHEW NOW UNDERSTANDS WALSH PLANNING TO BE IN
CAIRO WEEK FEB. 16 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. DR. KING, OIH, PLANNING MEET WITH WALSH ON FEB. 13
TO DISCUSS HOPE PLANS. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY RESULTS
OF THIS CONVERSATION. WILL ALSO URGE WALSH MEET WITH
AMBASSADOR UPON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO TO BRIEF HIM ON HOPE'S
PLANS. KISSINGER

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